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In re Application of:
Buie, et al.

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Reticle Manufacturing with Improved
Etch Bias



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Dear Sir:

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37 CFR 1.8

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS

Applicant files this Response to a Notice to File Missing Parts (Form PTO-1533), within the two-month period set to expire on May 18, 2002. The notice (copy enclosed) indicates that the application was filed without the abstract on a separate page.

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced application is the abstract on a separate page 25 in response to the missing parts request dated March 18, 2002, and partially responded to on April 9, 2002.

Although Applicant believes that no fee is due in conjunction with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/AMAT/4213.P1/ETCH/METAL/KMT, for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Respectfully submitted,

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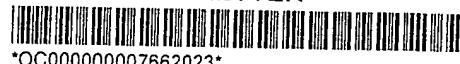
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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment.

- Abstract must be on a separate sheet.

A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the reply.

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